

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE NEW ENGLAND COMPOUNDING	)	
PHARMACY, INC. PRODUCTS LIABILITY	)	
LITIGATION	)	
_____	)	MDL No. 2419
	)	Dkt. No 1:13-md-2419 (RWZ)
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:	)	
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Suits Naming the Tennessee Clinic	)	Leave to File Granted on
Defendants	)	October 7, 2015 [Dkt. 2306]
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**TENNESSEE CLINIC DEFENDANTS' REPLY RE: MOTION TO COMPEL  
COMPLIANCE WITH SUBPOENA TO NECC [DKT. 2190]**

Defendants Saint Thomas Outpatient Neurosurgical Center, LLC; Howell Allen Clinic, a Professional Corporation; John Culclasure, MD; Debra Schamberg, RN; Vaughan Allen, MD; Specialty Surgery Center, Crossville, PLLC; Kenneth R. Lister, MD; Kenneth Lister, MD, PC; and Donald E. Jones, MD (collectively "Tennessee Clinic Defendants") submit the following reply in support of their Motion to Compel Compliance with Subpoena to NECC.<sup>1</sup>

For their Reply, the Tennessee Clinic Defendants state:

1. On April 17, 2015, the Tennessee Clinic Defendants served NECC with a subpoena for the production of documents.
2. On May 1, 2015, the Trustee responded to the subpoena. As part of his response, the Trustee referred the Tennessee Clinic Defendants to the "document dump" available on the US Legal document repository.

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<sup>1</sup> The motion and memorandum in support are at Dkts. 2190 and 2191. The Trustee's Response is at Dkt. 2227.

3. On August 25, 2015, the Tennessee Clinic Defendants moved to compel NECC to comply with the document subpoena. Among other things, the Tennessee Clinic Defendants sought an index of the documents produced to date by NECC.<sup>2</sup> Such an index will assist in determining what has actually been produced, rather than requiring the Tennessee Clinic Defendants to blindly search a dump of 100,000+ pages of unorganized documents to (1) locate those that are responsive and (2) determine whether NECC has actually provided a complete response to the subpoena. The Trustee's worn-out response, "relevant documents are available on the repository" does not satisfy NECC's obligation to respond to the subpoena. Nor does the production of some relevant documents. NECC is required to provide a full and complete response to the subpoena and identify documents responsive to specific requests.<sup>3</sup>

4. On September 8, 2015, the Trustee responded to the motion to compel. In the response, the Trustee represented to the Court that: "Indices identifying the Bates-stamp ranges of documents responsive to each informal request for production of documents were uploaded into the Repository prior to April 17, 2015, the date of service of the Subpoena, and are therefore available to the Tennessee Clinic Defendants."<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *E.g.*:

Bates Range	Document Description
NECC_MDL-00001 to NECC_MDL-0100	NECC Standard Operating Procedures
NECC_MDL-00101 to NECC_MDL-0199	Sterility testing results for NECC medications

<sup>3</sup> See *Monaghan v. SZS 33 Associates, L.P.*, 148 F.R.D. 500, 513 (S.D.N.Y. 1993) ("In light of Miller's statements regarding the existence and condition of more than 500,000 documents, it is unacceptable at this stage in these proceedings to impose upon the Plaintiffs what is ultimately SZS's burden, to wit, that of locating, identifying, and organizing its own documents. It is entirely unreasonable to subject the Plaintiffs to SZS's wandering haystacks of matter unorganized.")

<sup>4</sup> Dkt. 2227 at 7.

5. After reviewing the Trustee's response, the Tennessee Clinic Defendants reached out to the Trustee and requested that he provide copies of the indices referenced in his response. After more than two weeks, the Trustee identified two indices produced by Harris Beach and an index from US Legal (the company that hosts the document repository).

6. The two indices from Harris Beach identify the documents and electronically-stored information from NECC that have been preserved or collected (not produced). The index from US Legal provides only the date of upload and the Bates range of the documents uploaded to the repository, with no description of the subject-matter of the documents or identification of the document request that prompted the production.

7. Contrary to the Trustee's statement in his opposition, none of the indices "[identify] by Bates-stamp ranges documents responsive to each informal request for production of documents...."<sup>5</sup> The Tennessee Clinic Defendants have also yet to see a single "informal request for production of documents" that resulted in NECC's production of documents.

8. The Tennessee Clinic Defendants file this reply to set the record straight and renew their request for an index of the documents that have been produced that allows for some categorization to the 100,000+ page document dump from NECC.

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<sup>5</sup> The email exchange between the Tennessee Clinic Defendants and the Trustee regarding the indices is attached as Exhibit 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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